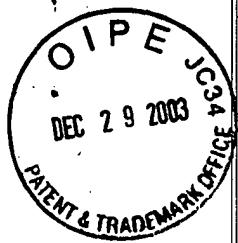


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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for one month for response to the Office action of August 26, 2003.

The appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 is paid herewith by credit card (Form PTO-2038). Any fees not accepted by the credit card amount shown on the Form PTO-2038 may be charged to Deposit Account 04-0753.

Respectfully submitted,

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